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Dear Senators,

My name is Lloyd Hosman and I could not be here in person today because I am in Arizona visiting my children. I know that I have to seize upon these times while I can.....

Gentlemen (and women), I ask you, have you ever had to watch a person die? I would like you to stop and reflect on it. Really stop and think.

I recently had a friend die of ALS and many of my relatives have succumbed to cancer. I myself am a Stage 3 colon cancer survivor of seven months who is now seeing her CEA numbers increase. Cancer is rearing it's ugly head. I have been through surgery and intense chemotherapy all with the ultimate goal of survival, but if things should take a turn for the worse, I would like to know that I can CHOOSE to end my life on MY terms, with checks and balances in place to protect myself and my loved ones and die with peace and dignity....at home surrounded with those that I love.

Please don't allow any personal moral values that you might have interfere with MY choice. Make this option available to anyone who feels that it is appropriate for them. Government is not in place to legislate morality but to protect it's citizen. Put rules into place that will not allow for anyone to do an end-around on a patient. Let people provide for this option in their medical power of attorney. Let the people decide for themselves.

I thank you for your time. I would like to thank you for your compassion. I pray that you do not ever have to deal with a terminal illness in your or your families lives. Legislate with calm and strength in purpose...

Respectfully Yours,

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